

REMARKS

Claims 46-51, 53-58, and 60-81 are pending. Claims 46 and 60 have been amended. Claims 52 and 59 have been cancelled. Claims 71-81 are newly presented. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 59-70 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicant has cancelled claim 59 and amended claim 60 to more clearly recite the intended configuration of the removable tray as suggested by the Examiner (See, page 9 of the Office Action). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 46-51 and 53-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over various combinations of Franz et al. (DE 196 08 002), Nelson et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,325,795), Schultz et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,924,785), and Nora et al. (EP 0 695 214).

Applicant respectfully submits that these rejections are moot in view of the amendment to independent claim 46 to include subject matter that was indicated to be allowable by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claim 52 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of its base claim and any intervening claim. In view of the Examiner's indication, Applicant has amended claim 46 to include the features of claim 52. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 46-51 and 53-58 are allowable.

Applicant also appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 60-70 would be allowable if amended to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 discussed above. In view of the amendment to claim 60 made herein, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 60-70 are allowable.

Claims 71-81 are newly presented, fully supported by the original specification and believed allowable for at least the reasons that claims 46-51, 53-58, and 60-70 are allowable, since claims 71-81 recites features that are similar to the features of claim 46.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims (claims 46-51, 53-58, and 60-81) are allowable.

Conclusion

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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